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PHILADELPHIA – Acting United States Attorney Laurie Magid and Philadelphia District Attorney Lynne Abraham today announced that a federal grand jury has indicted Christopher Roberts and Brenton Holmes for the September 25, 2008, armed robbery of the Dunkin' Donuts store located at 6620 North Broad Street in Philadelphia. The three-count indictment alleges that Roberts and Holmes conspired to and robbed the store using a sawed-off shotgun and stole about \$863.¹

This investigation and prosecution was part of *Project Safe Neighborhoods*, a joint initiative by the United States Attorney's Office, each of the nine District Attorney's Offices in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF), the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and other federal, state and local law enforcement agencies to identify and prosecute dangerous firearms offenders in federal court, where the defendants are likely to receive a substantial sentence upon conviction. Recently, as an extension of Project Safe Neighborhoods, the United States Attorney's Office, FBI, ATF, Philadelphia Police Department, and other law enforcement agencies have established the *Hobbs Act Robbery Task Force* to investigate and prosecute organized gangs and groups committing commercial armed robberies in this district.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANTS

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE
Christopher Roberts	Philadelphia, PA.	23 years old
Brenton Holmes	Philadelphia, PA	19 years old

If convicted of all counts, the defendants face a mandatory minimum of ten years imprisonment, and a maximum possible sentence of life imprisonment, a ten year mandatory minimum term of imprisonment, \$750,000 fine, and 5 years supervised release.

¹ An indictment or information is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Philadelphia Police Department and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Scott M. Cullen.

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